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"Woof Woof!" My dog barks as I feed him his dinner. I love him so much, like every dog or cat owner should. Sadly, many people do not care for their cats or dogs and leave them to become strays. This may not seem like a problem now, but it could become one. The overpopulation of cats and dogs is causing many problems for our ecosystem.

With all the homeless cats and dogs finding food, the food chain will be thrown out of balance. The dogs and cats will find food like baby birds and small rodents to feast on. The other animals that feed on small rodents and baby birds will have less to eat, which will cause a lot of trouble. The rodents and small birds will go extinct because too many animals are feeding on them. Then the dogs, cats, and the other animals will go extinct because they have no more food. This will greatly affect our ecosystem's food chain.

Another big problem is many of these cats and dogs have not been to a vet. They might have rabies and they could bite somebody or another animal. This could cause many deaths and illnesses in the animal kingdom and to

humans. Humans can also suffer from rabies symptoms, like fever and muscle weakness. This could affect the human population.

Our ecosystem could also be littered with dogs and cats searching for food through our trash. The dogs and cats could eat the trash and choke. Our streets will also be filled with trash that other animals can eat and choke on.

Our ecosystem could suffer a lot if there is an overpopulation of cats and dogs. You could help out by putting them in an animal shelter, if you find one. The best way to prevent this from happening is to love your pet. If you do not like your pet put them in an animal shelter. We can make a huge difference if everybody helps!